



STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD

Policy and Legislation Committee

Brian Baca, Chair; Erin Garner; Benjamin Licari; Kathy Lund

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

For Meeting Date: February 10, 2011

Agenda Item No. 3: Discussion of Proposed Legislative Language on the Definition of Idle Mines.

INTRODUCTION: At its January 13, 2011, meeting, the State Mining and Geology Board's (SMGB) Policy and Legislation Committee (Committee), accepted the SMGB's Information Report 2010-07 titled "*A Review of Issues Pertaining to Idle Mines under the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act*" for publication, and direct the Executive Officer to make available these reports on the SMGB's website. Concurrent with discussions held during the Committee's December 9, 2011, meeting, draft legislative language was presented to the Committee for general discussion, and at its January 13, 2011, meeting, the Committee received copies of proposed Senate Bill 108 which proposes to amend Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 2727.1 and 2770 of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA). Proposed legislative language introduced by Senator Rubio on January 13, 2011, is provided in Exhibit A.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: The information being provided is for the Committee's information and discussion. The Committee may, however, wish to offer recommendations for the whole SMGB's consideration, which could subsequently be forwarded to the Department of Conservation (DOC). No recommendations are offered by the Executive Officer at this time.

Respectfully submitted:

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Executive Officer



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